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TO: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair
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FROM: Wendy L. Watanabe
Auditor-Controller

SUBJECT: **STATUS REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
SERVICES GROUP HOME MONITORING**

On April 14, 2009, your Board instructed the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), in conjunction with the Auditor-Controller, and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to transition the Group Home (GH) monitoring responsibility to DCFS.

Your Board also instructed the A-C to provide the Board with semi-annual status reports during the first two years that DCFS has sole responsibility for GH monitoring. The reports should include DCFS' efforts to effectively monitor the GH contractors' compliance with the County contract and DCFS' efforts to follow-up with the GH contractors to ensure that recommendations were appropriately implemented.

We are in the process of finalizing our review for the period of July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 and expect to issue our report to your Board by March 15, 2010.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information, or your staff may call Don Chadwick at (213) 253-0301.

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